

WEEKLY REPORT
Region 9
Environmental Protection Agency
August 29, 2016

LAST WEEK: AUGUST 22– AUGUST 26, 2016

Administrative Order to Guam Power Authority: We issued an administrative order and request for information to Vital Energy concerning its operation of the Piti Bulk Fuel Terminal in Guam. Vital Energy's NPDES permit expired, and it failed to submit permit-required discharge monitoring reports. The company must submit the monitoring reports and provide information about discharges from the Piti Terminal. (Ty x2-3550)

CA State Implementation Plan actions: We issued a direct final approval of strengthened architectural coating rules for Sacramento and San Diego, a proposed approval of rules to further control NOx from combustion sources in the South Coast, and a proposed approval of Antelope Valley's (LA and Kern Counties) transportation outreach program. Of greatest significance, we issued a proposed approval of requirements for the City of Los Angeles to install and maintain measures to control dust in 50 square miles of the Owens Lake bed through managed vegetation and other measures described in a stipulated agreement. (Law x7-4126, Vineyard, 7-4125)

Study of SF Bay-Delta Wetlands: We provided comments to the Office of Water on a draft report of wetlands loss in the San Francisco Bay-Delta, one of three watersheds used to pilot a coastal wetlands loss analysis method using NOAA's Coastal Change Analysis Program maps. We are concerned with the inability to consistently detect farmed wetlands, difficulty mapping many of the wetland types found in the Delta (e.g. farmed wetlands, vernal pools), and incomplete wetland restoration efforts that may be counted as wetlands loss. We recommended that the report clarify that wetlands mapped using this method may or may not be jurisdictional under the CWA. (Scianni x4-1817).

Wetland Fill at "Carson Creek" Development: We sent a letter to the Sacramento Army Corps of Engineers objecting to a mixed residential and commercial development in El Dorado County, CA, that proposes to fill approximately 8 acres of waters without conducting an alternatives analysis or proposing appropriate mitigation as required by the CWA. (Rosetti x2-3070)

Impaired Waters List for American Samoa: We approved American Samoa's 2016 CWA Section 303(d) list of impaired waters that includes 28 water bodies still requiring TMDLs for nutrients or related pollutants (total phosphorus, total nitrogen, turbidity, dissolved oxygen). Since the last list, American Samoa EPA completed a bacteria TMDL for 42 beaches and streams. (Guiliano x7-4133)

North San Francisco Bay Selenium TMDL: We approved the North San Francisco Bay TMDL for selenium. The Regional Board established fish muscle tissue, fish whole body tissue, and water column targets and assigned point and non-point source load allocations. The TMDL holds selenium discharges at current levels to assure attainment of the selenium targets and EPA's proposed criteria. (Fleck x2-3527)

Salinas River Flood Control: We provided comments to the San Francisco Army Corps of Engineers on a proposed CWA 404 Regional General Permit to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency for regular sediment and vegetation removal in 94 miles of the Salinas River and tributary waters. The proposal is

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improved since 2008-2009, when we identified the permit as a 404(q) elevation candidate, but we retain our elevation option, and plan to develop recommendations for the Acting RA when the Corps provides a draft final permit in four weeks. Our letter recommends improved minimization and mitigation options, and planning for less invasive flood control alternatives. (Siu x2-3983)

THIS WEEK: AUGUST 29 –SEPTEMBER 2, 2016

Celebrating 20 Years of Investments at Lake Tahoe Summit: President Obama will speak at the 20th Annual Lake Tahoe Summit, hosted by Senator Harry Reid in South Lake Tahoe on August 31st. The event will celebrate 20 years of investments by federal, state and local governments, non-governmental organizations and the Washoe Tribe to improve lake health and clarity. (Landy, (775) 589-5248)

California EJ Coalition Listening Session: We participated in an event organized by the CA EJ Coalition that brought together grassroots leaders from urban and rural communities facing issues of environmental and climate justice. Facilitated by Bradley Angel of Greenaction and Luis Olmedo of Comite Civico del Valle, the session included remarks by CA officials, including Cal EPA's Arsenio Makata, who noted his agency's intention to continue its recent practice of involving civil rights complainants as parties in settlement discussions. (Reyes x2-3795)

Training for Navajo Workers to Install Cleaner Stoves: Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Stewart
x7-4119)

Triple Site in Sunnyvale, CA: Deliberative Process (b) (5)

(Morash x2-3050 or Diaz x2-3242)

NEXT WEEK: SEPTEMBER 5 – SEPTEMBER 9, 2016

Ventura County Air Pollution Control District Prevention of Significant Deterioration Rule:

(Tsai x2-3328)